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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-69 (Canceled).

70. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for displaying passenger-specific boarding information to passengers ~~waiting preparing~~ to board for a departure comprising the steps of:

continuously transmitting and updating the passenger-specific boarding information from a carrier data system to a processing system, wherein the passenger-specific boarding information comprises passenger standby data;

displaying, without the processing system receiving identification information from the passenger, the passenger-specific boarding information on a gate information display system an electronic display coupled to the processing system, and proximate to the departure gate;

clearing one of the passengers assigned a standby status to board; and

prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system electronic display; and

upon attempting to board, confirming the cleared passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system.

71. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of displaying an idle mode screen, comprising general flight information, on the gate information display system electronic display prior to transmission of the passenger-specific information.

72. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 70.

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73. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for displaying passenger-specific upgrade information to passengers waiting preparing to board for a departure comprising the steps of:

continuously receiving and updating the passenger-specific upgrade information from a carrier data system at a processing system;

displaying, ~~without the processing system receiving identification information from the passenger,~~ the passenger-specific upgrade information on a gate information display system an electronic display coupled to the processing system, and proximate to the departure gate;

approving an upgrade of one of the passengers; and

prompting the upgrade passenger to board by displaying the upgrade approval on the gate information display system ~~electronic display~~.

74. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the step of confirming the upgrade passenger's identity upon attempting board by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system.

75. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 73.

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76. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for ~~providing displaying~~ passenger-specific seating information to passengers waiting to board for departure in a terminal comprising the steps of:

continuously receiving and updating the passenger-specific seating information for one of the passengers from a carrier data system at a computing system; ~~and~~

in response to a signal indicating a designated time prior to departure from the terminal, displaying, ~~without the computing system receiving identification information from the passenger,~~ the passenger specific passenger's seating information on a gate information display system an electronic display coupled to the computing system and proximate to the departure gate, the passenger-specific passenger's seating information consisting of comprising a readily recognizable identifier for the passenger and a corresponding seat assignment;

clearing one of the passengers assigned a seat to board; and

prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system.

77. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of displaying passenger upgrade information on the gate information display system electronic display.

78. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 76.

Claims 79-81. (Canceled)